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A Nameless Quality
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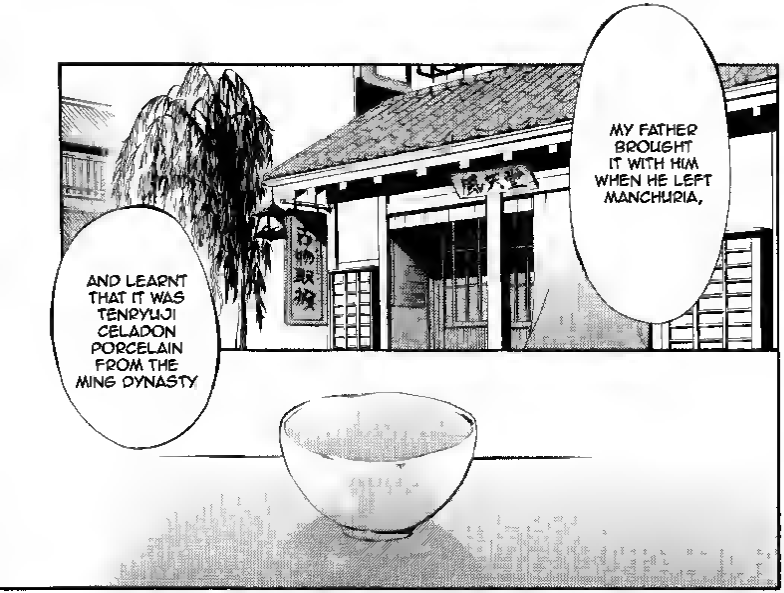
MY FATHER BROUGHT IT WITH HIM WHEN HE LEFT MANCHURIA,
AND LEARNT THAT IT WAS TENRYUJI CELADON PORCELAIN FROM THE MING DYNASTY

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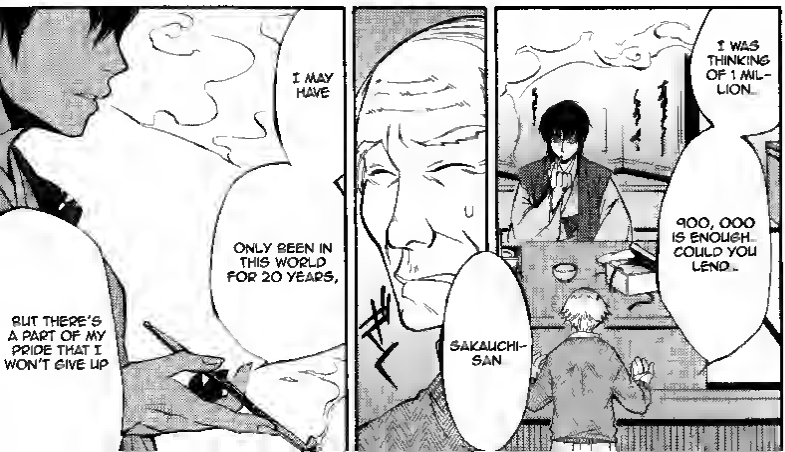
I MAY HAVE ONLY BEEN IN THIS WORLD FOR 20 YEARS,
BUT THERE'S A PART OF MY PRIDE THAT I WON'T GIVE UP
SAKAUCHI-SAN
I WAS THINKING OF 1 MIL-LION...
900, 000 IS ENOUGH... COULD YOU LEND...

WELL...
...
PEOPLE TELLING LIES AND USING OBJECTS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES
THAT'S THE ONE THING I CAN'T FORGIVE
BECAUSE I SAID THAT, PEOPLE STOPPED BRINGING THINGS TO SHOW ME.
SO...
I'LL ASK THE OBJECT ITSELF.

WELL, WELL
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT PRIDE,
!
BUT MY OWNER IS BEING PRETTY ROUGH AS USUAL!

I'M A KHSIER.
MY NAME IS "ASAKUSA". WHAT ABOUT YOU?
Note: khsier - a smoking pipe
Sorry for smoking next to you.
I WAS LIKE THAT AT FIRST TOO.
YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME? THAT HAPPENS A LOT
MY NAME IS...
YOUR NAME-LESS QUALITY
FULITEN...
MY OWNER WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU.
YOU DON'T LOOK HAPPY
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SOLD AFTER ALL?
NAME-LESS
QUA-LITY..

I'M AN UNSIGNED PIECE MADE BY AN UNKNOWN CRAFTSMAN DURING THE QING DYNASTY.
I'M TENGYUJI CELADON PORCELAIN, BUT I'M NOT.
HE THINKS THAT
NO.
I DON'T MIND THAT.
I WAS AN ORDINARY PIECE THAT WASN'T SELLING, SO I WAS ABOUT TO BE DESTROYED
THAT WAS WHEN SAKAUCHI-SAN'S FATHER, SHOUZOU-SAN BOUGHT ME, WITHOUT CARING ABOUT HOW MUCH HE SPENT
FROM THIS CUP EASES MY HEART
I FEEL AS IF DRINKING TEA
YOU SPENT TOO MUCH ON THAT TEACUP!
HIS WIFE GOT ANGRY AT HIM...
BUT..
I'm sorry!

IT SITS GENTLY ON THE HANDS OF THE PERSON HOLDING IT AND FEELS SLIGHTLY WARM
THE PERSON WHO MADE THIS
MUST HAVE KNEADED THE CLAY WHILE THINKING OF THE PERSON WHO WOULD USE IT
BUT HIS SON, KOUZOU-SAN REALLY IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH MONEY
IF SELLING ME WOULD HELP KOUZOU-SAN, THEN I COULD REPAY MY DEBT TO SHOUZOU-SAN..
BUT, AFTER ALL..
SOMEONE ORDINARY LIKE ME IS NO HELP..!
NO.
YOU'RE QUITE A WORTHY OBJECT.

MY WORD ON THAT.
YOU HAVE
I'LL ACCEPT YOUR OFFER, SAKAUCHI-SAN.
I UNDER-STAND.
THANK YOU... BUT WHY DID YOU ACCEPT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S JUST AN ORDINARY CUP...
IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU DIDN'T THINK SUCH LIES WOULD WORK ON OTHER PEOPLE.
...PLEASE BE GRATE-FUL TO THAT CUP.
HE...
REALLY?! 1 MILLION?
HOW-EVER...
I WON'T SELL IT. I'M JUST BUYING IT FOR MYSELF.
THE QUA-LITY
Now that I've made up my mind, he decides to be straight-forward.

HMM?
ASAKUSA'S SMOKE IS PARTICULARLY SWEET.
OF AN HONEST ITEM
IS TRUE, WHETHER OR NOT IT HAS A NAME.
WELL...
WHEN THEY ARE LOVED,
OBJECTS LOVE PEOPLE IN RETURN.
I'VE FOUND A GOOD CUP.
SO I'LL MAKE SOME TEA RIGHT AWAY.
THAT'S THEIR SITUATION.
END

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This is the second time I've been asked to draw something for Arcana and I'm so excited that I feel feverish again! I was given the freedom to write a story about my favourite theme. Thank you very much!